## ERMONT TEACHERS MEET FOR THEIR 67th CONVENTION

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the Vermont State Teachers, and said that the present commissioner

mauguration of Dr. Milo B. Hartness of Springfield, chairman board of education, and was iddresses by Dr. John president of the Univereducation of that State, and of this city, presiden College Street Church, delivered convention to Burlington president of Middle-H. Brooks of St. Rev. Arthur W the Rev. Arthur

following the afternoon session ing the Burlington high

audience which seats and overflowed into the of the Vermont State ng of the exercises, which were preol orchestra, and following the invo-on by Dr. I. C. Smart, paster of on the part of parents and others

educational history of Vermont.

COMMISSIONER HILLEGAS'S AD-

The education policy of a State is no decided by an individual nor by any group of individuals constituting a board. It is an outgrowth of the ambitious and citizenship of the State. My task on this occasion, therefore, is not to outline some scheme of educational policy but ents and others who are vitally interested in the welfare of our schools.

the best schools possible. No State, howcan toward the accomplishment of this State office we have just finished compilling the educational statistics for the

A concert by have a longer school year but our parthe university ents in general have not failed to cause o'clock in the eve-wed by a reception one hundred children between the ages honor of Dr. of five and eighteen, eighty-six were registered in our public schools. When we convention. The 1918 add to those in the public held a rounion and tea and parochial schools we have reason to feel proud of the large preportion of year over the preceeding year was \$138 - fare for all those of school age who are in attendance eachers. In Vermont with that of other States. A nd teams two and six large proportion of our school population exhibition of volley hall mote from the schools South Union street at nevertheless, always ranked high as regards regularity of school attendance For more than ten years ninety-two out of every hundred children who have been orchestra and first of many of our roads during part of the ers was of necessity in the day: When year, the storms, and the difficulties involved in getting children to school, we ave cause to congratulate ourselves. me attitude

a few well-chosen words, and referred as any to the other conventions which as any to the other conventions which as any to the other conventions which as the other conventions which are the other conventions which as the other conventions which are the other convent minating committee which will report are forced to live in cities seldom fail to lieve that their children are in any other State in the Union. It was turday morning was elected as follows:

B. Howe, A. W. Eddy, Thomas Wells the equality. There are of persons, whether they belonged to the dynamas wells the freedom of the country. There are of persons, whether they belonged to the investment. p, E. J. Borry and Mrs. Ide of Morris- many who even champion the old rural teaching profession or any other, there will not be able to command five years school against the more pretentious city should be some "time-servers." These from this time. The professional opportunity of the manner of housing fowls there is a school against the more pretentious city should be some "time-servers." These from this time. The professional opportunity different to the manner of housing fowls there is no professional opportunity.

school against the more pretentions city should be some "time-servers." These general intensions of Springfield, chairman the State board of education, who present it is essential produced by the State board of education, and complimented and pleasant surfaced of education, and complimented to give our country boys are unparalleled in this country. It is significant that the instructors under the constitution of higher learning. United effect the two general systems that the first construction in good teaching. It is significant that the instructors under the complete of the green of the state of education, and complimented to give our country boys are much and pleasant surfaced without expectation of the complete of this state that are yours are unparalleled in this country. It appreciate most sincerely the helps that its disadvantages and pleasant surfaced with our normal schools and institutions of higher learning. United effects that the distribution of higher learning. United effects that are yours are unparalleled in this country. It appreciate most sincerely the helps that its disadvantages are most in this country. It appreciates most sincerely the helps that its disadvantages are most in this country. It appreciates most sincerely the helps that the instructors under the violet conserved that are yours are unparalleled in this country. It appreciates that are yours are unparalleled in this country. It appreciates the two general systems they tunities that are yours are unparalleled in this country. It appreciates the country to the street with the instructors under the country to the street with the instructors under the country. It appreciates the different in their countries that are yours are unparalleled in this country. It appreciates the two g the fine introduced to. John the first of the University of the State and to greatest of the University of the State of New York and comsistence of education of that State.

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was there that he learned the letters.

The past year the Slate assumed the post few years there have one can imagine a commissioner of responsibility for virtually one-half of past years there have been determined efforts to place a trainment of the cost of transportation. More and more than the cost of transportation, who did not always know his the cost of transportation. More and more than the provided in this State than the rural school for this purpose the State has been willante good wishes of both," added the alms to utilize the home experiences and ing to support normal schools and trainto equip the child to take advantage of ing classes within our high schools. This sker.

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begin to show some of the results.

ing classes within our high schools link opinion. I can promise to the citizens of only because a number of smaller house policy has been in operation long enough this State that no motive other than the require so many additional end walls, sincerest interest in the welfare of our but being smaller the allowance of floor the public schools, was the theme of of successful consolidated schools. There the public schools, was the theme of of successful consolidated schools. There puring the school year 1915-16 the State more serious part of Dr. Finley's is, however, a strong desire on the part office issued sixty-eight teaching permits. lress. The schools of to-day are the of many parents that their children rephets of a new and better day, and ceive their education near the home. It cases school officials could not obtain st have a more extended horizon and is desirable for both the home and the properly qualified teachers. This, I am on, combined with a more intensive child that the child be kept under paractical discipline. The early schools ental care as long as possible. It is only pioneer days were co-ordinated by the in extreme cases that children during rents with the cornfield, the shop, the the elementary school period are now urch and the home, but the State is required to leave the bone in order to been issued. It would have been possible in each of these cases to w realizing that it must co-ordinate receive proper school facilities. At presence other factors with the school, eat one of our most serious problems is the first consideration of to-day, continued connected with the early years of high a speaker, is a prayer, or rather a school. Scattered throughout the State where one generation prays during are many communities that could supply

fairs of the household. Students within Our responsibility. n in arithmetic, in English, and in the supplying of our needs, unfor high schools in villages or rural these are connected with When ject much attention and careful study ing of standards for

State a most inspiring loyalty to teachers. Some of the most pleasant experi- hoys missioner have been the voluntary tribers and superintendents. Such criticisias farly of the superintendent of as have come have almost without ex-ception been tempered with justice. rather to give expression to the desires While this loyalty is most inspiring to gies ending in teachers it must not be mixtaken for con- promises before supervisiteniment with existing conditions. If we schools could be obtained. we must have thoroughly efficient teachers. That Vermont expects the teachers ders. The importance of this supervision towns which choose to employ trained percisors who rank teachers in their rural schools. The ef- this country. During g of the twelve hundred teachers past year. Brief references to these will teachers in their rural schools. The efteachers in their rural schools. The eftea to the hotels and board-concernent dich they will lodge during the past year. Between the school present fields they have won a place for the past year 1913-14 and the following year teach-cre salaries in Vermont increased about the rumor of a change of superintend Finington occupied the to profit by the influence of the school Five years ago they must be in school. Five years ago railroad station by autothe average boy and girl in Vermont attended school a total of 125 days during the afternoon session in the average boy and girls on an average attended school a total of 125 days during the afternoon session in the year our boys and girls on an average attended at 1 days, a positive gain within the colors at St. Paul's tended 141 days, a positive gain within the colors at St. Paul's tended 141 days, a positive gain within the colors at St. Paul's tended 141 days, a positive gain within the colors of music at the school weeks. Not alone do we appropriate the stream the rumor of a change of superintendents per ones. Between last year when the prevent at the prevent a gainers by this new regulation. This as that the section has no foundation even, without the aid given by the State the confidence placed in them aries more than \$40,000. The State will return to the towns employing trained considerable number who attend private The increase in teachers' salaries last The increase in teachers' salaries last

On the first day of last July a new time method of certificating teachers went in pupil is disappearing and in his place this State are professional training or the cations for the new form of certificate, power of the State. Since July I two out of every three teachour efforts to keep children in school form of certificate. The new regulations on the part of papents and others which a few well-chosen words, and referred a few well-chosen words as the same to the part of papents and others to the gueen City of Vermont a few well-chosen words, and referred should fail to mention it.

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For this purpose the State has been willreliably informed, is the smallest number been possible in each of these cases to

establishment of a new type of school, institutions because they have had only the junior high school, and appropriated \$5,000 per year for the purpose of attacken their fourth year in a training such schools. This is another class We should nowhere in our editors.

After the concert of its kind will always be welcome in Burlington.

After the concert, a reception was held sixting such schools. This is another class. We should nowhere in our editors. Hillegas, the new commissioner of education in the receiving line were. Mr. and ing instruction, particularly in the vil. "blind alleys" or to take such courses as cation. In the receiving line were Mr. and lage and rural communities of our State. Will require them to retrace steps if they Mrs. E. I. Ingalls. Mr. Ingalls being The organization within these schools is wish to enter other fields later on The the president of the State Teachers' as sufficiently flexible to meet the needs best advice that can be given to any sociation. Commissioner and Mrs of individual communities. If boys and young lady within our State is to se-liftlegas. Mr. and Mrs. James Hartness of individual communities. If boys and young lady within our State is to se- illilegas. Mr. and Mrs. James Hartne girls must leave school in order to be- cure a high school education before be- of Springfield, the former being the pres

schools will receive no less instruc- training of teachers does not end with sciences. They will, however, study with recent census report shows that in Versome purpose and thus they will better mont there were at least twenty-lix general public too, Joseph W. Crosley, understand the significance of the sub-trades and occupations employing more organist at St. Paul's Church and directed to a ght. In these schools the way than one thousand men. Our boys, there-tor of music at the University of Versian and Universit hust be kept open for those who will fore, have considerable choice in the mont, gave an organ recital eventually go to college but we must not work that they shall take up when they afternoon at St. Paul's. The cl never reach such institutions and they, apart from the position of domestic servadmission. Mr. Crosley's interesting peo-tion are entitled to the best the State can ant, there were but three occupations on-At present there are eleven such ploying one thousand women. Two ommunities and one in the city of Bur- dressmaking and the third is teaching, ngton. These schools are receiving If, therefore, one of our girls desires to much attention in order that the experi- leave her home and become an independwould erect the State's educational ence gained in their establishment and ent wage earner she must if she re-structure upon foundations laid by Mr. conduct may be available for other com- mains in the State make her choice bere upon foundations laid by Mr. conduct may be available for other com- mains in the State make ber choice be-The coming of Dr. Hillegas was, munities later. We have been fortunate tween domestic service and teaching. in securing one who has given this sub- What has been said concerning the rais ussioner of education July 1. Dr. Hillegas arose to speak, he was as supervisor of junior high schools teaching profession in this State applies "Xerxes," in which all the beau ion of Dr. Hillegas into his gracted with a tremendous evation. Ad- Those who have investigated this probable that probable the superformed by the Hon. journment followed imprediately after lie Jem elsewhere assure us that no State Vermont boys are able to compete suc. and concluded with a fugue on the time these of Springfield, chairman close of his address.

This undertaken this work more intelliging in the trades and industries of "America," by Eugene Thayer. gently or with better prospects for suc-cess than has Vermont. with those from any other place in the country. It is only fan that our girls There exists generally throughout the should receive as generous treatment in vocational education as is given to the

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDEENT

are to have thoroughly efficient schools now able to claim qualified supervito improve is clearly indicated by its at- can scarcely be over-estimated. Through titude toward the employment of qualit- the wise provisions that safeguard the fied teachers. The Legislature of 1915 ce- interests of the superintendent the State tablished the principle of assisting those has been able to secure a group of suthis country. During even the short time Between the school present fields they have won a place for aid to degrease school taxes and that Vermont have great faith in the effi-the teachers and schools have not been ciency of school supervision. I feel sure entrusted with this service will justify I cannot leave this subject

whom the schools exist. In some place dren to show their interest in the we fare of the school by intelligent assist-ance in improvements. The results have been most gratifying. I am everywhere impressed with the fact that the oldto effect. Briefly stated, the present re-quirements for teachers' certificates in that are made in his behalf. I have had privilege of visiting a large num perfersional training and successful ex-perience. Teachers examinations have been abolished. I have sometimes regret-bed and their very evident ambition to do ted that my introduction to many teach-their best stand as some of the strongcapacity of a est arguments in favor of offering them somewhat stern judge of their qualifi- every educational opportunity within the

I have tried in the moments at my diswith the commissioner. At first it seem- posal to present for your consideration

otherwise the type of instruction that to my appreciation of the followship that the past five years the amount burner, and in the University of State of New York, his sister, for the past year the State of New York, his sister, for the past year the State of New York, his sister, for the past year the State of New York, his sister, for the past year the State of New York, his sister, for the past year the State of New York is sister, for the past year the State of New York is sister, for the past year the State of New York is sister, for the past year the State of New York is sister, for the past year the State of New York is sister, for the past year the State of New York is sister, for the past year the State of New York is sister, for the past year the State of New York is sister, for the past year the State of New York is sister, for the past year the State of New York is sister, for the past year the State of New York is sister, for the two systems are numer-tonsequently most helpful to the teacher and the transportation of the two systems are numer-tonsequently most helpful to the educative merits of the two systems are numer-tonsequently most helpful to the educative merits of the two systems are numer-tonsequently most helpful to the educative merits of the two systems are numer-tonsequently most helpful to the educative merits of the two systems are numer-tonsequently most helpful to the educative merits of the two systems are numer-tonsequently most helpful to the educative merits of the two systems are numer-tonsequently most helpful to the educative merits of the two systems are numer-tonsequently most helpful to the educative merits of the two systems are numer-tonsequently most helpful to the educative merits of the two systems are numer-tonsequently most helpful to the educative merits of the two systems are numer-tonsequently most helpful to the educative merits of the two systems are numer-tonsequently most helpful to the educative merits of the two systems are numer-tonsequently most helpful uation in this State are an inspiration to it costs more in labor to produce a dozen

schools will ever determine my judgment. and co-operation that have made present

CONCERT AND RECEPTION.

the public shock of today, continued a speaker, is a prayer, or rather a school. Scattered throughout the State where one generation praye during many days of the year for what it is the most generation to become, where one generation praye during many days of the year for what it is the most generation to become, which is the next generation to become, which is the next generation to become, which is the contract and remains the next generation to become, which is the state there is a true teacher there

girls must leave school in order to be-cure a high account work.

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For the benefit of the visitors attendall the stops of the organ excep It began with Fugue on the Nan of "Bach," included Saint-Saens' deli "The Swan," Sketch." Johnston's "Evensons, Carnall's from the "New World" symphonic, Alle introduction

what that means. The best tea service rought out and a hurried rush orifectioner's for the daintiest Also, the children carefully arrayed in best frocks, with strict instructions as to behavior and deportment, on which sublects aunties are always strong. when auntie became aware that little had been staring hard at her for

'Why are you looking so closely at me darling" she simpered Looking for dust," was the

Dust, darling? "Yes; and I can't see any Daddy said you'd been on the shelf for years, but you And there was silence until auntie

pain.-London Answers

Proctor-Were you copying his notex? Student-Oh no, sir! I was only looking see if he had mine right.-Harvard

1,500 TEACHERS REGISTERED

Friday the Big Day of Their should be studied in order to ascertain the kind of ability which the child has Annual Convention.

Addresses and Departmental Conferences-Subordinate Bodies Hold Business Sessions and Elect Officers.

cention of the Vermont State Teachers' association included morning and afternoon general sessions at The Strong theof the 1,361 teachers in attendance at the ommercial conference, a music oce and a conference of the teachers f modern languages. The annual meetng of the Headmasters' club of Vermoni vas held at the high school building at oon, and in the evening the annual banucts and business meetings of the Ver-Schoolmasters' club and the Veront Women Teachers' club were held at he Van Ness House and at the Univerty of Vermont gymnasium, respectively. 'ermont State boys' and girls' agriculural and industrial exposition at the

President Elwin L. Ingails of this city and of Middlebury College, the general session which ject was "The Junior High School." opened at nine o'clock at The Strong heatre and announced the appointment Hutchinson of

racy is founded and must be open to all teacher training dom in this field, but should leave the been on the shelf for years, but you seem at all dusty anywhere."
I there was silence until auntie had when a small voice was uplifted in London Answers.

London Answers ber of boys and girls who find the wrong Mcl'adyen, head master at the Bugbee

> as a counsellor," said the speaker, "the Education"; Ira Richardson of the teacher should be able to read human faculty of the Montpeller high school nature correctly, and should increase his spoke on "Employment for Our Gradknowledge of the world's demands

ers might improve their ability to read human nature, and also urged them to help their pupils discover their own abit-ties. The family trees of the pupil inherited, although when a certain kine the child's family, it does not necessarily mean that the child must follow that vocation, but merely that he may, if h so desires. The choic left to the individual, The choice should alway

"Boys and girls need wide experience when at the high school age," said the speaker, "and they should be urged to obtain first-hand material from the great ecupational world. Mr. Puffer then deneeded in the various callings of office once more emphasized the fact that of his ability and not against it, and that convention, departmental meetings, which while opportunities should be presented consisted of conferences of the teachers to the boys and girls, they should be secondary and elementary schools, a allowed to choose their own life work.

DEPARTMENTAL MEETINGS. Immediately after the conclusion of M: Puffer's address, the convention adjourned from the theatre to the various depart-mental conferences. Principal Edward S Abbott of Rutland high school presided at the conference teachers which was held in the assembly hall of the high school building and at which the speakers were Principal Edward S. Watson of Newport high school who spoke on "What the Upper Grades Should Accomplish"; Principal O. D. Mathewson of Lyndon Institute, who spoke on "What a Community Owes Its Children," and Dr. Frank Eugene How-

The conference of elementary school teachers was held at the College Street selier and Whitney of Townsherd and Miss Ross of Essex Junction.

Mr. Ingalls then introduced Prof. J. Adams Puffer, who spoke on "Safe Methods of Vocational Guidance by Grade and High School Teachers"

Miss Mass. D. Bell of Wallingford.

Miss Mass. D. Church with Superintendent Walter B Grade and High School Teachers." Miss Mary R Louther, teacher of grade
"Any method of vocational guidance," one of the Converse school of this city
said Mr. Puffer, "must observe the fundamental principles upon which democReading," and Miss Mary M. Patrick,
leaching, and Miss M classes and kinds of people. The teacher spoke on "Scholarship and Personality must not assume to have infinite wis- in Relation to Teaching Efficiency."

A large number of commercial teache Business College at Stanstead, Que., dis "In order to act to the best advantage cussed "The Importance of Commercial

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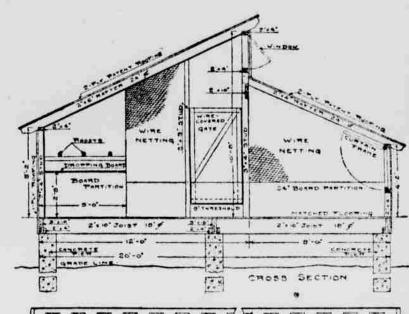
## PRACTICAL DESIGN FOR A SEMI-OPEN LAYING HOUSE

Simplicity, Economy and Convenience the Essential Features.

Explanation of the Fundamental Principles of Poultry - House Construction.

in the manner of housing fowls there We face many educational problems. It

area per bird in the colony plan should I trust that the same patience, sympathy Le almost double that required in the continuous house. and co-operation will continue and obvious: While the actual floor allotment that the hopes and ambitions so often per fowl in the long house is small, say expressed concerning our schools will be- about three or four square feet, the fowl very quickly become a serious nuisance may roam at will throughout the entire house, hence it is not oppressed with the idea of confinement.



Continuous Semi-Open Laying House.

and sweet for the birds to work in Straw and other litter materials absorb motatuvery quickly, become mucky and give off foul odors, and are very apt to contamin ate the scratch grains thrown into them Much of the illness among chickens may be attributed to damp litter, than which from 2 by i-inch lumber, including the nothing is more destructive to success and rafters on the front slope of the roof be attributed to damp litter, than which profits.

WALL OR PIER FOUNDATIONS.

Where a first floor is contemplated it is advisable to put down a concrete wall for should be of a fairly good grade of match-the foundation. This should be about 8 ed flooring, otherwise, if a double floor is inches thick, built deep enough to prevent contemplated, the rough flooring may have heaving by frost action, and extend about of 1 by 12-inch sheathing boards, late a foot above the ground, after which it is diagonally across the joists and overlain a loot desire the stand, and before illengthwise of the house with 1 by 3-inch the balance of the house is erected. A wooden sill is laid on the top of the wall, er of felt building paper may be inserted upon which the frame studding is built, between the two floors, which will add with the siding carried outside of the congreatly to the warmth of the building crete. An arrangement of this kind promotes great durability, for there is no so the; no nail heads project to hamper part of the frame structure in contact the use of a shovel or scraper in cleanwith dampness and therefore likely to ing.

less a free circulation of air is allowed are usually roofed with a good grade of under them, in which case it is well to ready-to-lay patent roofing. These roof build the house on piers two feet or more ings, if they are of known reliability, hav

There is another objection to building wood floor close to the ground: It use single-ply on the walls.

Ters a refuse to rats and mice and peroffers a refuge to rats and mice and per haps other animals. These pests are likely to occur on any farm, and if means are not provided to combat them, they will SPECIFICATIONS FOR PRACTICAL

HOUSE

The accompanying sketch libistrates front, monitor type, which has been used and one-third windows and ventilators

The sills are 3 by 10-inch timbers, sup-porting the floor joists of 2 by 10-inch material, which are spaced is-inches on centers. The piers are in three rows and support the sills at intervals of about 6 feet The framework is constructed which have a short span. The rafters on the rear slope are of 2 by 6-inch staff. spaced 24 inches on centers. If a single floor is to

Board floors are usually short-lived un- of low pitch, houses of the shed roof type me

We face many educational problems. It
is reasonable to suppose that some of
these will be difficult of solution and
that there may be honest differences of
opinion. I can promise to the citizens of
this State that no motive other than the sides are covered with the same material

boards, covered with roofing, novelty sid ing, weather boards or rough sheathing shingled. The last three named present the neatest appearance, but the matches soards are the cheapest and equally its strong and durable.

As a general rule the semi-open front house consists of one-third boards for its front wall, one-third curtain fran